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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's request for continued examination filed on January 11, 2010 and supplemental amendments filed on March 8, 2010 and March 23, 2010. Amendments to claim 9 and cancellation of claim 19 have been entered. Rejections made in the final office action mailed on July 9, 2009 are withdrawn in view of the amendments. Claims 9-11, 13-18, 20, 22, 23, 45 and 46 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 9-11, 13-18, 20, 22, 23, 45 and 46 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled Comments on Statement of Reasons for allowance.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure are listed on the enclosed PTO-892.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Narayanswamy Subramanian whose telephone number is (571) 272-6751. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles R. Kyle can be reached at (571) 272-6746. The fax number for Formal or Official faxes and Draft to the Patent Office is (571) 273-8300.

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